

County Societies

ALAMEDA COUNTY.

Alameda and Berkeley are numbered with five of the American cities where the baby death rate is below fifty per thousand births reported.

Two interesting papers were read at the June meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association:

I. Proposed Simplified Technic in Thoracotomy for Empyema to Induce Prompt Lung Expansion. By Dr. Robert T. Stratton.

II. Submucous Resection of the Nasal Septum. Illustrated by lantern slides. By Dr. Francis M. Shook.

Dr. A. M. Smith has resigned as superintendent of the Alameda County Infirmary.

Dr. R. T. Legge and Dr. Charles L. McVey have just returned from an eastern trip. Among the cities visited were Rochester, Minn., Toronto, New York, Washington and Chicago. At the latter city they attended the meeting of the American Medical Association. Dr. Kirby Smith was also an attendant at the meeting.

Drs. E. C. Curdts and Edward Von Adelung have received commissions of captains. Dr. Von Adelung is now stationed at Camp Lewis. Drs. Henning Koford and A. F. Maine have been commissioned first lieutenants. Dr. Koford has been ordered to Camp Lewis.

In accordance with the request of the Federal Government until the end of the war the classroom work of the Oakland College of Medicine has been discontinued. Medical students will enter the larger institutions. The closing of the smaller college is releasing scores of scientific men engaged as instructors to Government service. The conclusion of the educational work in the Oakland College of Medicine does not mean, however, that the several clinics which the physicians of the city have built up and to which they are contributing the upkeep and services will be closed. A new importance has been attached to this phase of medical work. The clinics for children, men and women will be continued without interruption through the summer.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Meeting of June 6

The Los Angeles County Medical Association met as usual June 6, at 8:15 p. m. in the Hamburger building. The president, Dr. William Duffield in the chair, opened the meeting.

Dr. Black announced the death from meningitis of Dr. Edward Everett Tredway at Camp Kearny.

Dr. Duffield spoke of the last meeting at Mount Lowe, and that Dr. Hagedorn is arranging for us to have some real fun, and a day of relaxation early in July.

The Committee on Referendum consisting of Drs. Myer, Killpatric and Crum is not ready to publish its report.

Dr. Edwards appealed for 25,000 nurses by July 5. The quota for Los Angeles is 210. No one can reach them better than the physician who is in close contact with them. They are entitled to insurance and are well paid. Those between the ages of 25 and 35 are preferred. Report at Red Cross Headquarters at Tenth and Main streets. The physical requirements are almost those of soldiers. Healed tubercular cases are not barred. A committee should be appointed to take this matter in hand. Those in essential occupations are not to go. Doctors who have nurses as stenographers should release them for service. Some nurses are used as luxuries. This should not be permitted. Public opinion should be able to release them. Nurses are as important as doctors. Between July

and August there are also 15,000 nurses' aids needed. They do not have to be trained.

Dr. Hastings said that all should get together. One scheme is to have a representative committee of five for every hospital in order to learn how many nurses are available. He mentioned the Good Samaritan Hospital staff having ten paid nurses, including the superintendent. Seven have gone to war and three are in France, Miss McFarland and Miss McCall. The chiefs on the three floors have gone. The night superintendent has been cured of tuberculosis. The nurses in charge of general surgery have not yet graduated. In twenty years, 214 had graduated. Of the alumna association, 57 have married, 9 died, 21 are unfit, 4 are in Canada, 6 are supporting families and 9 are still in the hospital, which makes a total of 106. Fifty are registered in the hospital, 28 have gone to war, and some have been lost track of. Fifty graduate nurses are on call for private work. Forty per cent. have gone to the war. The training school is not doing well. Seventy to eighty are in training. There are only 46 probationers instead of 76. Four hundred and thirty-seven outside nurses are registered for work and available for calls. Fifty-nine are Good Samaritan graduates. A good way would be to get such information from every institution. Some are registered in several hospitals. We can get accurate information by co-operating with the heads of the hospitals.

Dr. Duffield—Let us not leave it entirely to committees, for everyone knows some nurses who could go.

A motion was made and carried to have a committee appointed.

Committee: Drs. Hastings, Molony, Johnson, Lobingier, Kurtz, Huggins, Ross, Lacy, Hagedorn, McCoy, Mattison of Pasadena, Tom Rogers of Long Beach, Captain Cohen and Tyroler. Dr. Thomas for the Bay Hospital of Santa Monica, etc.

As Dr. Duffield had to go to the American Medical Association Convention the following day, the Vice-President, Dr. Wm. H. Kiger, took the chair.

Dr. Arthur Stanley Granger lectured on "The Value of the Ambard Coefficient in Estimating the Blood Urea Nitrogen."

Dr. Cecil E. Reynolds presented a child, aged 4½ years, who had been operated upon six months previously for an epilepsy of three years standing.

Physician Gets Captaincy.

News that Dr. Fred C. Shurtleff, formerly of Los Angeles, has been promoted to a captaincy, was received by his friends at Central Police Station, June 8. He will be assigned to Alcatraz Disciplinary Station, Alcatraz, Cal., in the Government service.

Major W. V. Brem was ordered to base hospital at Camp Kearny June 10.

Santa Monica Surgeons Accepted.

Dr. Arthur C. Smiley, Dr. Oscar Anderson of Venice, Dr. A. B. Hromadka and Dr. George A. Fielding of Sawtelle, and Dr. John Balsley of Santa Monica were accepted in the U. S. Medical service June 12.

To War Zone.

Dr. Mayo Reiss, Medical Corps, Three Hundred and Sixty-first Infantry, with rank of first lieutenant, is going to France.

Physical Culture Teacher.

Dr. Herbert True of the School Health Department was detailed by the Board of Education June 8 to take charge of corrective work for the physically unfit in the secondary schools of Los

Angeles in order to develop a better standard of manhood among the students.

Captain Barnhart leaves on the first of July to report for duty in the U. S. Medical Corps.

Dr. H. N. Brothers received notice June 26 that he had been appointed a captain in the Medical Reserve Corps.

Los Angeles Woman Doctor Married.

Dr. F. Marian Games went to Sacramento June 27 to wed Dr. Carl Sutton who is in the Hospital detachment of the Aviation Construction Corps at Vancouver, Wash.

Red Cross Head Arrives in France.

Gurney E. Newlin, chairman of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Red Cross was called to service in France where he arrived June 28.

Medical Delegates of Southern California.

Scientific and military sessions of the Sixty-ninth Annual Convention of the American Medical Association held in Chicago were attended by Dr. George H. Kress representing Los Angeles, Dr. Henry P. Newman, San Diego, and Lieut. Henry Sher of Pasadena, Dr. Granville MacGowan and Dr. William Duffield of Los Angeles and Dr. Cornelius Van Zwalenburg of Riverside.

Dr. Maude Wilde, chairman of the Mothers' Educational Bureau, in charge of the local campaign for the observance of Better Babies week, was in Colton June 3. The celebration lasted until June 10. Local stores have promised to hold special child welfare exhibits where mothers may seek advice concerning the feeding and care of infants.

Dr. Wilde's committee includes Dr. Margaret V. Clark, vice-chairman; Mrs. A. Rae Condit, secretary; Miss Josephine Breed, treasurer; Mrs. Harold E. Thomas, auditor. Directors are Mrs. Herbert A. Cable, Mrs. C. S. Thompson, Mrs. W. A. Galentine, Mrs. W. Booth, Dr. Anna Chapin, Charles C. Davis, E. J. Lickley, Dr. Titian Coffey, Dr. H. F. True and Dr. Francis Kellogg.

Tubercular Hospital.

Bids for the first unit of the Tri-County Tubercular Hospital to be constructed at Sylmar, were opened by the Board of Supervisors June 17 and referred to the Mechanical Department. The figures submitted ranged from \$44,859 to \$77,870.

Segregation Hospital is Needed.

The California Welfare Commission at a meeting in Los Angeles June 1 adopted a resolution urging the Governor and the Trustees of the Pacific Moron Colony to take steps to erect immediately temporary buildings for treating segregated cases. Warren Olney, Jr., of Berkeley, presided and emphasized the enforcement of the laws against morality, medical treatment of those men and women who are diseased, and reconstructive work for those who are mentally capable of benefiting from such treatment, so that they may finally go back into the world fit to take care of themselves.

Psychopathic Authority to Direct Morons.

The Psychopathic Association of California announces that Dr. George L. Wallace, expert of Massachusetts, will act as chief adviser and superintendent ex-officio for the Moron Colony. Mrs. J. Powers Flint is chairman of the board of trustees of the colony and her committee members are Newton Thompson of Alhambra and May Roberts Coolidge of Berkeley. Three grades of patients will be segregated, the high grade moron (those who do not show their condition except under expert surveillance), the epileptics and the defective delinquents. The first group is considered the most dangerous to society. The Legislature of 1917 appropriated \$250,000 for the colony and by

the bill specified the purchase of not less than 800 acres of land with buildings, equipment, furniture, supplies, with water and farm lands and that it should be near some city or town. Mrs. W. S. James of Los Angeles founded the work of the Psychopathic Association of Los Angeles.

American Women's Hospitals Drive.

The campaign for \$50,000 began with a banquet at the Alexandria, June 21. The drive will be conducted under the auspices of the Los Angeles City Council of Defense, Woman's Branch, co-operating with the War Service Committee of the Medical Women's National Association.

Michael J. Shannon of San Francisco, who will have charge of the local campaign, was toastmaster. Dr. Martha Welpton of San Diego, secretary of the Medical Women's National Association, outlined the work of the American Women's Hospitals in Europe, while Dr. Etta Gray of Los Angeles, president-elect of the association, stated that the organization in Europe represents the war service activities of 2000 women physicians who are united in national effort. She said that for every woman physician who goes to France from two to three men physicians will be released for active service at the front.

Dr. Gray, who is also president-elect of the Medical Women's National Association, announced that teachers in the Los Angeles schools had contributed \$15,000 to the organization for the purpose of an ambulance for one of the units to be sent to France.

"There is at present one unit of the organization in France," said Dr. Gray. "It consists of four doctors, six nurses, one dentist, two ambulances and drivers, assistants and clerks. The units are sent to the cities of France, where they care for the civilian population. France at present has but few physicians and surgeons who are not in the army. In one French city the woman physician we sent was the only physician among a population of 25,000 persons."

A number of Los Angeles women physicians and nurses have signified their intention to join units and leave for France in the near future. One who is daily awaiting call is Dr. Margaret Gilliland.

To Intern Girl Vagrants.

The eighteen women now lodged in the County Jail on technical charges of vagrancy probably will be interned in an annex to the County Hospital, according to a recommendation by N. R. Martin, superintendent of the hospital, to the Board of Supervisors. Estimates for fitting up such an annex now are being prepared.

MENDOCINO COUNTY.

A joint meeting, with the N. W. P. Association of Railroad Surgeons was held on Saturday evening, June 22, at the Palace Hotel, Ukiah.

The meeting started with a banquet and the County Society was the guest.

Before the banquet the County Society held a short business meeting at which the resolution memorializing Congress for an adequate new Army Medical Museum was adopted. The county medical survey was gone over and the Secretary instructed to have the results printed and sent to the doctors and Council of National Defense.

Promptly at 8 o'clock Dr. A. Miles Taylor, President of the N. W. P. A. of Railroad Surgeons, called those at the banquet to order. Obedience to this mandate was rendered by Drs. A. Miles Taylor and C. O. Southard of San Francisco, Robert L. Richards and Arabelle J. Feldkamp of Talmage, S. S. Boyle and P. A. Meneray of Santa Rosa, M. A. Craig of Lakeport, George W. Stout, S. L. Rea and L. K. Van Allen of Ukiah, F. O. Butler of Eldridge, W. F. Jones of San Rafael, W. C. Shipley

of Cloverdale, F. G. Gunn of Willits and O. H. Beckman of Fort Bragg.

While fortifying the inner person with fuel, various toasts were given. Everybody enjoyed himself and the guests will long remember the occasion.

The main paper of the evening was by Dr. F. O. Butler. Subject: Tonsils, etc. All present took part in a lively discussion on the subject, which varied between the tonsils and the appendix, taking account of digestive disturbances and other symptoms. Dr. Taylor mentioned, among other interesting things on those regions, the occurrence of "double appendix" and related three cases of it in his own practice. Two he himself had removed by a second operation, Appendix No. 2 not having been noticed at the first operation. The third case had been operated upon for appendicitis the second time by another surgeon who removed this plural appendix.

Dr. A. Miles Taylor very cordially invited the Mendocino County Medical Society to their August meeting, which will be held at San Francisco.

On Sunday forenoon, June 23, at Talmage, interesting clinics were held by Dr. Robert L. Richards.

News of those serving Uncle Sam: Assistant Surgeant R. H. Hunt, N. R. F., is having very active service "over there" on the U. S. S. Corsair. Captain R. A. Babcock, intensive training, San Francisco; Captain H. H. Wolfe, Camp Crane, Allentown, Pa.; Dr. Frank C. Piersol, Mendocino, has been commissioned a lieutenant, M. R. C. Dr. Robert L. Richards, Medical Superintendent of Mendocino State Hospital, Talmage, is doing special work for the War Department and visits all the camps on this coast with reference to Neuro-psychiatric Boards, in addition to such other things as he is asked to do.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement.

The regular monthly meeting of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was held Tuesday evening, June 18, at the Hotel Sacramento.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. G. A. Briggs.

Report of Cases.

Dr. Gundrum reported a case of nephritis in pregnancy. Upon delivery the placenta was found to be abnormally large, measuring twelve inches in diameter, two inches thick, and weighing four and one-half pounds, the umbilical vein being as large as an ordinary umbilical cord.

Dr. Fay reported a case of bacillary dysentery in an adult, terminating in death after eight months' duration.

Dr. C. C. Crane of San Francisco delivered the paper of the evening on "Some Conditions Mistaken for Rheumatism." The subject was splendidly illustrated by a series of X-Ray plates.

Dr. W. A. Briggs presented a resolution and plan to give financial aid to those members of the Society who have entered military service. On account of the lateness of the hour the resolution was laid on the table to be taken up at the next regular monthly meeting.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Society continue its regular meeting during July and August, having twelve regular meetings a year.

The following doctors have received commissions and are awaiting call: Dr. G. A. Briggs, first lieutenant; Dr. E. W. Twitchell, captain; Dr. A. F. Higgins, captain.

A special meeting of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was held at the Hotel Sacramento Thursday evening, May 30. The object

of this meeting was to present to the Society the plan for the enrollment of doctors in the Medical Reserve Corps, as proposed by the local committee of the Council of National Defense. The plan in brief is to divide all the doctors of the county into two groups. First, those over 55 years of age; second, those under 55. Those under 55 years of age to volunteer their services to the Army or Navy, when required, in the following order:

First. Doctors unmarried.

Second. Doctors married without children.

Third. Doctors married with children.

Members of each group to apply in order of age, youngest first. The question of dependency, or any other matter to be taken before a committee composed of:

First. A doctor over 55 years of age.

Second. A representative of a local financial institution.

Third. A member from one of the selective service boards.

All doctors who are unable to secure a commission will automatically become members eligible for the Volunteer Medical Service Corps. This plan was unanimously adopted by the Society.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

The San Diego County Medical Society decided to suspend its regular meetings throughout the months of July and August. Its last meeting in June, on the 26th, took the form of a dinner dance at the Point Loma Golf Club, at which the ladies were the honored guests and furnished the program of patriotic entertainment. Many medical officers from adjacent camps were present on this occasion, and a delightful evening was enjoyed by all.

Dr. J. E. Hileman and wife returned from their honeymoon and are receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

It is with regret that we chronicle the death of Dr. Albert J. Elliott, for many years one of San Diego's foremost physicians.

Dr. J. H. Mallery has accepted a first lieutenant's commission in the medical reserve corps of the army. He will be connected with the Tuberculosis Section, Department of Internal Medicine, at Whipple Barracks, near Prescott, Ariz.

Dr. Thomas O. Burger has accepted a Captain's commission in the medical reserve corps of the army and has been assigned to duty at the Letterman General Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco.

The new tuberculosis hospital built and equipped by the County Commissioners will open its doors in August. This building is ideally constructed for its purpose, and is ideally situated on a bluff overlooking the valley of the San Diego river. Fresh air currents and an abundance of sunshine should be available almost every day of the year.

The following doctors have been secured as interns for the County Hospital to serve for the fiscal year beginning July 1st: Dr. George W. Mills, from Rush Medical College, Chicago; Dr. Carl G. Lundquist, from Rush Medical College, Chicago; Dr. Thomas O'Toole, from Rush Medical College, Chicago; Dr. James Thom, Medical Department, Indiana State Univ.; Dr. Isador M. Rossyn, from Loyola Medical College, Chicago; Dr. Elmer H. Hansen, from Tulane Medical College, New Orleans, La.

Dr. A. J. Holeyton and Dr. H. A. Keener, recent house physicians, have accepted positions in the medical reserve corps of the army and navy respectively. The latter has just passed the examination for Assistant Surgeon in the regular Navy Medical Corps, and is stationed at Mare Island.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY.

News has been received of the safe arrival in France of the University of California Base Hospital unit.

Stanford University unit is reported to be at present in Scotland.

The medical section of the National Council of Defense has issued a call for 10,000 more medical men to enlist in the Reserve Corps. Local subcommittees have been appointed and are at present engaged in a canvass of the situation so as to determine the eligibility of men for such service, and when found, urging them to apply. This, in spirit, practically amounts to a voluntary medical draft. So far in San Francisco the efforts of the committee have met with encouraging results.

Dr. Leonard Ely, who was with the Stanford unit and who was reported ill in Europe, has been sent home and is at present undergoing treatment in an eastern hospital.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

The regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held Friday evening, June 28, at the Mokelumne Club, Lodi, the guests of the Lodi physicians. Those present were: Drs. R. R. Hammond, B. J. Powell, B. F. Walker, J. T. Davison, W. F. Priestly, J. B. Craviotto, Margaret Smythe, C. F. English, F. J. Conzelman, L. Dozier, W. J. Backus, C. R. Harry of Stockton and Drs. J. Priestly, A. M. Tower, S. W. Hopkins, J. E. Nelson, S. R. Arthur, E. B. Todd, H. J. Bollinger of Lodi, with Surgeons Hogan and Riordan of the United States Navy as guests.

The resignation as secretary of Dr. Dewey R. Powell, who has entered the service, was read and accepted, and Dr. R. T. McGurk was elected for the remainder of the year.

A very interesting and instructive talk was given by the surgeons of the Navy on the advantages to be gained in the Naval Service.

R. T. MCGURK, Secretary.

SONOMA COUNTY.

The regular meeting of Sonoma County Medical Society was held at the county hospital July 11. The county physician, Dr. F. O. Pryor, conducted a clinic, showing several interesting cases.

The Volunteer Medical Service Movement was discussed and met with hearty approval.

Address of President Wilson, July 4, 1918, Mount Vernon

Gentlemen of the Diplomatic Corps and My Fellow Citizens:

I am happy to draw apart with you to this quiet place of old counsel in order to speak a little of the meaning of this day of our Nation's independence. The place seems very still and remote. It is as serene and untouched by the hurry of the world as it was in those great days long ago when General Washington was here and held leisurely conference with the men who were to be associated with him in the creation of a nation. From these gentle slopes they looked out upon the world and saw it whole, saw it with the light of the future upon it, saw it with modern eyes that turned away from a past which men of liberated spirits could no longer endure. It is for that reason that we can not feel, even here, in the immediate presence of this sacred tomb, that this is a place of death. It was a place of achievement. A great promise that was meant

for all mankind was here given plan and reality. The associations by which we are here surrounded are the inspiring associations of that noble death which is only a glorious consummation. From this green hillside we also ought to be able to see with comprehending eyes the world that lies about us and should conceive anew the purposes that must set men free.

It is significant, significant of their own character and purpose and of the influences they were setting afoot, that Washington and his associates, like the barons at Runnymede, spoke and acted, not for a class, but for a people. It has been left for us to see to it that it shall be understood that they spoke and acted, not for a single people only, but for all mankind. They were thinking, not of themselves and of the material interests which centered in the little groups of landholders and merchants and men of affairs with whom they were accustomed to act, in Virginia and the colonies to the north and south of her, but of a people which wished to be done with classes and special interests and the authority of men whom they had not themselves chosen to rule over them. They entertained no private purpose, desired no peculiar privilege. They were consciously planning that men of every class should be free and America a place to which men out of every nation might resort who wished to share with them the rights and privileges of free men. And we take our cue from them, do we not? We intend what they intended. We here in America believe our participation in this present war to be only the fruition of what they planted. Our case differs from theirs only in this, that it is our inestimable privilege to concert with men out of every nation what shall make not only the liberties of America secure but the liberties of every other people as well. We are happy in the thought that we are permitted to do what they would have done had they been in our place. There must now be settled once for all what was settled for America in the great age upon whose inspiration we draw to-day. This is surely a fitting place from which calmly to look out upon our task, that we may fortify our spirits for its accomplishment. And this is the appropriate place from which to avow, alike to the friends who look on and to the friends with whom we have the happiness to be associated in action, the faith and purpose with which we act.

This, then, is our conception of the great struggle in which we are engaged. The plot is written plain upon every scene and every act of the supreme tragedy. On the one hand, stand the peoples of the world—not only the peoples actually engaged, but many others also who suffer under mastery but can not act; peoples of many races and in every part of the world—the people of stricken Russia still, among the rest, though they are for the moment unorganized and helpless. Opposed to them, masters of many armies, stand an isolated, friendless group of governments who speak no common purpose, but only selfish ambitions of their own by which none can profit but themselves, and whose peoples are fuel in their hands; governments which fear their people and yet are for the time their sovereign lords, making every choice for them and disposing of their lives and fortunes as they will, as well as of the lives and fortunes of every people who fall under their power—governments clothed with the strange trappings and the primitive authority of an age that is altogether alien and hostile to our own. The Past and the Present are in deadly grapple and the peoples of the world are being done to death between them.

There can be but one issue. The settlement must be final. There can be no compromise. No halfway decision would be tolerable. No halfway decision is conceivable. These are the ends for which the associated peoples of the